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SUBJECT: IRAQI PH.D. IN AGRICULTURE

1. THE UNIVERSITY OF BAGHDAD RECENTLY AWARDED THE FIRST PH.D. IN AGRICULTURE EVER GRANTED BY AN IRAQI UNIVERSITY. THE NEW DOCTOR IS A SPECIALIST IN THE FIELD OF WEED SCIENCE AND EXPECTS TO WORK PRIMARILY AS A TEACHER. HIS EXAMINING BOARD OF FIVE MEMBERS CONSISTED OF FOUR IRAQIS AND ONE USDA OFFICIAL, MR. CHESTER MCWHORTON. THE LATTER ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 1000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE EXAMINATION. THE PRESIDENT OF IRAQ WAS EXPECTED TO ATTEND BUT WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY THE DEATH OF HIS SON.

2. THE EXPECTED PRESENCE OF PRESIDENT BAKR COINCIDES WITH OTHER REPORTS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN IRAQ. ACCORDING TO THE SUCCESSFUL PH.D. CANDIDATE, THE PH.D. PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BAGHDAD WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND FULL SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO OTHER CANDIDATES IN THE PROGRAM. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BAKR

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ENSURED THAT IRAQI AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES WOULD RECEIVE THIRD PRIORITY IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS, AFTER MEDICINE AND ENGINEERING.
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